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In order to achieve socialism, the capitalist system, the bosses and their dictatorial government must be crushed. This cannot be accomplished peacefully through elections.

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The Progressive Labor party and its newspaper, Challenge, are dedicated to the U.S. working class and the working class of the entire world—black, Latin, white, Asian and Native American.

Our newspaper, Challenge, strives to present the unconditional truth of class struggle so our class can learn from experience how to win.

Only Revolution Will End The Treachery of Revisionism



At one time a great force for revolutionary progress, the old communist movement, now thoroughly revisionist and opportunistic, has become a cruel joke to the international working class.

Picture the scene as Chairman Mao and his new close comrade-in-arms, Richard Nixon, discuss the international situation and the power struggle inside China. "Comrade Nixon," says Mao, "Capitalist roaders of the Liu Shao chi and Lin Piao type have once again wormed their way back into positions of power. And again behind my back they try to undermine my revolutionary line. You can't trust Rightists." "You're absolutely correct, Chairman Mao," says Nixon. "I ought to know. Look how those capitalist roaders in the U.S. maneuvered me out of power, using that Watergate nonsense as a cover. But those Russian Capitalist Roaders are the worst—not only can't they be trusted, but they are very dangerous. They are pushing us out of positions all over the globe. Southeast Asia was a bad setback. While we still have the Mid-East, it's not very secure. They've gotten bolder in Africa. Even Western Europe is very shaky in their commitment."

"Yes," Mao replies, like the 19th Century British, the Russians think that the Sun will never set on their developing empire. However, do not overestimate this paper bear. Gromyko was sent off from Japan without a Yen. Also China and the U.S. will be as close to one another as the lips to the teeth." "Right on, as we say in the U.S.," says Nixon. "With U.S. technology and industrial capacity and Chinese manpower, we will forge the most powerful alliance in history."

MEAN WHILE, AS MAO AND NIXON TOAST EACH OTHER IN Peking, the comic-tragic scenario shifts to Moscow, where the spectacle of the 25th Congress of the C.P.S.U. is assembled. Together with 5000 Soviet delegates, top representatives of 95 revisionist parties are intently listening to the leading revisionist Soviet spokesman, Leonid Brezhnev, deliver a 5 hour report, trying to appear left; and trying to replace Mao (who has openly exposed himself with his love affair with Nixon) as the leader of real com-

munist; and trying to hide Soviet expansionism as in Angola as militant; he said: "Comrades," says the Gen. Sec., "Some parties are deviating towards opportunism. They're promoting nationalism instead of internationalism; they're abandoning the principle of the dictatorship of the proletariat for some bourgeois state of the whole people; instead of class struggle they want class collaboration. Where could they have picked up such revisionist deviations? In the Soviet Union, of course, we have abolished the class struggle, have done away with the dictatorship of the proletariat, and are firmly committed to detente. But this is because we are already a party that is in power building a socialist society." "Comrade Brezhnev, gave a great speech," says Fidel sipping Vodka and munching a caviar appetizer, "but I can talk ever longer."

"Well, I know one thing for sure," says Berlinger, head of the Italian Party, "I couldn't have given that speech if Stalin was still in power. He wouldn't have liked that part about communists sharing power with capitalists and joining NATO." "You're right," says another, "Stalin wouldn't have let any of us speak at this Congress—he didn't really believe in free speech." "Who are you?" says, Le Duan of Vietnam. "I'm Gus Hall, head of the Communist Party of the U.S." "Oh—are you guys still functioning?" "Sure," says Hall, "especially as long as we can still make these interesting trips."

Certainly, the demise of the old communist movement as a force for revolution is more than just a cruel joke. If trade union sellouts like UAW's Woodcock, UFT's Shanker, AFSCME's Gotbaum, UMW's Miller, UFW's Chavez, etc., etc., have disgusted rank-and-file workers, certainly the sellout by the revisionists of the old communist movement has dismayed millions of militant workers and revolutionists around the world, creating widespread confusion, demoralization and cynicism.

However, while sellouts and revisionists have always been around, the fact is that despite the harmful setbacks they cause, neither renegades nor the capitalist ruling class can stop the revolutionary process from unfolding. The science of Marxism-Leninism has continuously triumphed over its detractors and opponents. Marx over Proudon and Bakunin, Lenin over Bernstein and Kautsky, and Stalin over Trotsky. Genuine Marxist-Leninists—those who are committed and dedicated to destroying capitalism root and branch—are always willing to discard all that is negative and reactionary from the communist movement, but we will never

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repudiate it. Communism remains the working class's only hope.

The Bolshevik and Chinese revolutions will always be brilliant historic landmarks for the world's workers and peasants. Our historic struggle to destroy the oppressive capitalist-imperialist system and to build a new society of socialism-communism will persist. Revolution will sweep away forever racism, nationalism, chauvinism, exploitation, fascism and war.

Some revolutionary communists may believe that the old revisionist parties can be transformed into a force for revolution. This is a dangerous illusion. The old revisionist parties throughout the world are not parties of the working class even though some have millions of working class supporters. They are as much parties of the bosses as the Democratic and Republican parties in the U.S. which also are mistakenly supported by many workers. But this is only a temporary matter. Capitalist parties and institutions must be smashed, not transformed. We have no interest in uselessly trying to push the bosses and their political flunkies to the left. Our only interest is in striving to build the revolutionary movement among workers and their allies. To accomplish this, the central task of revolutionary communists everywhere is to build new communist parties and a new united international communist movement.